All are welcome to the following AGMs:

If you are planning to come, please can you let Deacon Linda (07941 354958) know for catering purposes.

Monday, 11 September - Wolverhampton City of Sanctuary AGM 4.15 - 7.15pm at St. Mary & St. John's Church Hall, Snow Hill, Wolverhampton WV2 4AD. Refreshments at 5.00pm followed by a Report on our Activities, an Interview with an Asylum-Seeker, and our speaker Dave Smith, founder of the Manchester-based Boaz Trust charity, which accommodates and supports over 70 destitute asylum seekers and refugees. He is the author of the "Book of Boaz" and "Refugee Stories" and network development worker for NACCOM, the national 'No Accommodation' network he founded in 2006.

Tuesday, 12 September - Interfaith Wolverhampton AGM

7.00 - 8.30pm at St. Bartholomew's Church ("St. Bart's"), Church Hill, Penn, Wolverhampton. WV4 5JB. Refreshments will be provided from 8.00pm.

EXPLORING DIGITAL ONLINE CONFERENCE. This will be on Saturday, 30 September 2023 from 10.00am - 3.30pm. This will be free but for further details see notice board in the Coffee Bar.

UKRAINE REFUGEE AID are appealing for mens and ladies deodorants, soaps, shower gels, shaving cream etc. Please leave at the back of church. Many thanks Neville.

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NOTICES - 10 September 2023

What's On This Week....

Monday, 11 September 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

1.00 - 3.00pm Craft Group 1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break 5.00 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 12 September 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed

9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group 4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas 7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 13 September 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open

9.00am Zoom Prayer Group 9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers 1.45 - 3.00pm Tea & Chat (See notices)

Thursday 14 September 9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open 7.00 - 9.00pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 15 September 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open 10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It 6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 16 September 10.30am - 12noon Coffee Morning (See Notices)

NEXT SUNDAY. The service on 17 September 2023 is a "Local Arrangement" Service and it was suggested that we have a 'Songs of Praise' type service which the congregation could take an active part in. We invite members of the congregation to choose a hymn (if possible from 'Singing the Faith') and say a few words about it and why they chose it. The congregation could then sing the hymn or the words of the hymn could be read. Please come forward with your suggestions and give them to Johnny (772171) or Bernard (560034) or speak to them by the afternoon of Tuesday, 12 September. They will put a service together which we hope will be meaningful and enjoyable. Many thanks for your support.

Come and Join us on Sunday, 17 September 2023 Ordinary 24 10.30am Local Arrangement -Beckminster's own Songs of Praise led by Bernard Harris & John Pearson **ZOOM PRAYER MEETING** on a Wednesday at 9.00am. All are welcome and for further details please contact Sue.

COFFEE MATES. Meet Monday, 2 October 2023 at The Two Greens, Old Hill, Tettenhall, WV6 8BQ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

CHURCH OFFICE will close on Friday, 15 September 2023 at 12.30pm and will re-open on Monday, 25 September 2023 at 9.30am. Please send notices in the usual way. Sue

A BIG THANK YOU to you all at Beckminster, for your loving concern and prayers. You are all very much appreciated. Progress is being made and I hope to return to Beck soon. God bless you all. Christine (Pearson).

CUPPA, CAKE AND CHAT. This Wednesday, 13 September from 1.45 - 3.00pm in the Epworth Room. Everyone is welcome.

HARVEST SUPPER on Saturday, 30 September 2023 at 6.30pm. Tickets are now available at £5.00 and the food will be two slices of pizza, puddings and drinks. Marilyn and friends will be entertaining us. So that we order enough pizza, can you please indicate when you buy your ticket which flavour(s) you require. Many thanks. Tim.

EMMAUS. The next meeting of Emmaus takes place at 2.30pm on Wednesday, 13 September 2023. We shall be at 5 The Manor House, Upper Green, Tettenhall. Everyone is welcome to join us.

THE WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP GROUP would like to prepare a list of people willing to help with Local Arrangements (LA's on the plan). If you are interested, would you please let Sue Lorimer know. It would be very helpful if you let us know what part you would be willing to play in these services. Please contact Sue even if you have helped with LA's before. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER COFFEE MORNING. It has been arranged that W-ton Trefoil Guild will host a MacMillan Coffee Morning in the Coffee Bar on Saturday, 16 September 2023 from 10.30am - 12noon, as part of their 80th Anniversary Celebration Challenge. Hot and cold beverages and a selection of cakes and savouries will be available. Please help to make this event a huge success for this really worthwhile cause.

SUNDAY CLUB will resume next Sunday, 17 September 2023 after the summer break.

Harvest Weekend - 30 September and 1 October 2023

We know that our whole congregation sees Harvest as a time not only to give thanks for God's bounty, but also as a time to give to others who are in need. We are delighted that our District Chair is going to lead our Sunday morning worship; she also plans to join us for our Harvest meal and entertainment on the Saturday evening.

The Church is always decorated beautifully: we are grateful that Trish Prescott has agreed to co-ordinate the decorations, but she relies on lots of people for their support and skill in achieving what we the congregation invariably appreciate so much. Please read carefully what Trish has written in these notices relating to the gifts that are most needed

In addition to this, we are looking to Beckminster's financial needs this year and are incorporating a Gift Day into the weekend. Whilst our financial situation at present is not a major concern, we are facing a difficult time ahead, having lost in recent times some members who have given most generously to Beckminster. You will have noticed that we have in August 2023 improved lighting in the sanctuary, at a cost of nearly £6,000. It would be lovely to raise funds to defray most of that sum and towards the cost of other necessary work on our property.

Gifts (in sealed envelopes please) may be brought to either the Saturday evening event or to Sunday worship. All gifts will be gratefully received.

Thank you in anticipation of your generosity. Rev Paul.

HARVEST. Our Harvest Service this year will be held on Sunday, 1 October at 10.30 am. We will be supporting The Pantry food bank at the Good Shepherd Centre again this year. There will be a token display of fresh produce but the rest of our gifts will be tins, packets etc that can be given out to families through The Pantry. Please ask me for a list of suitable items that are needed.

If anyone would like to decorate a window sill with a Harvest theme I would be very grateful for volunteers.

Also so that we can present our usual wonderful dessert table at the Harvest Supper on Saturday, 30 September are there any volunteers to make a pudding/dessert? Please let me know if you are able to provide one, thank you. Don't forget to get your tickets £5.00 from Tim or Sue. Many thanks, Trish Prescott.

CALLING ALL JIGSAW FANS!! We have been given a selection of puzzles and are introducing a Beckminster JIGSAW LIBRARY with donations for Christian Aid. Puzzles will be displayed in the Coffee Bar on Sunday mornings, beginning in October. Everyone is welcome to browse and borrow and we would hope for a donation of perhaps £1 for each loan. Also, we would welcome any gifts of puzzles to add to the supply. For further info contact Trish Prescott or Wendy Bate.